

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1 – 8, 10 - 20 and 23 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to claim more clearly the disclosed features and to place the claim in proper condition for examination. Claim 9 has been Canceled. Claim 23 is New. Applicant respectfully requests the entrance of the amendment to the claim. The claim has been amended

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has stated there are five species (A to E) of the generic claims because “they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept un PCT Rule 13.1.”

Species A – Claim 4

Species B – Claim 5 and 6

Species C – Claim 7

Species D – Claim 8

Species E – Claim 9

Claims 1 – 3 and 10 – 20 were not identified by the Examiner with a Species and therefore will be included with the Elected Species.

Applicant elects Species D, Claims 1 - 3, 8, 10 - 20 and 23, for examination with Traverse. Applicant's Election is to the identified claims and not to any figures identified by the Examiner. The Figures in the application do not limit the claims and are improper for identifying claims for Restriction.

Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider the Restriction Requirement and examine all claims as a whole.

The Applicant believes the Examiner has cited incorrectly US Patent 4,308,696 (Schroeder '696) as Prior Art. A careful reading of Schroeder '696 shows that the gutter cover assembly is not a mesh and, in fact, appears to have no facility for allowing significant amounts of water to flow through the cover and into the gutter. The only holes in the cover are the holes 51 which are occupied by screws 50. The gutter cover of Schroeder '696 thus lacks a disclosed feature in the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt examination of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to credit card information on record.

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